



State Construction Office Hosts Annual Conference, the Largest McKimmon Center Event of the Year

More than 1,000 construction professionals from across the state convened on Thursday, March 28, 2019 to attend the largest McKimmon Center event of the year!

The Department of Administration's (DOA) State Construction Office (SCO) hosted its 38th annual conference in Raleigh featuring informational break-out sessions and an awards ceremony. Governor Roy Cooper was among the list of speakers at this year's event.

Other notable presenters included DOA Secretary Machel Sanders, SCO Director Latif Kaid, State Building Commission (SBC) Chairman Blair Bordeaux, Associated General

Contractors (AGC) of America Chief Economist Kenneth Simonson, Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUB) Director Tammie Hall, and Rep. Dean Arp, among many others.

From 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. North Carolina engineers, architects, contractors and state property stakeholders enjoyed networking opportunities and sessions on latest industry updates and best practices. Break-out sessions included topics ranging from trade licensing requirements to hurricane disaster recovery efforts.

During lunch, SCO, SBC and HUB recognized professionals for excellence in the construction industry. **Continued on Page 2**



Gov. Roy Cooper

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Accolades included the HUB Recognition, Certificate of Merit and the Frank B. Turner Awards.

The 2019 honorees included:

- Carolyn Collings/ Forms & Supply Inc. (HUB Firm), Karim Razzak/ Karma Contracting (HUB Firm), Renee Jones/ Skanska (HUB Advocate), Julius Monk/ Guilford Count Schools (Agency HUB Advocate), Victor Vines/ Vines Architecture (Professional Service Firm), NC Department of Public Safety (DPS)/ Central Engineering Department (Public Sector Agency—HUB Supporter), and Jeff O'Briant/ DPS (Above and Beyond HUB Partner) —HUB Recognition Awards
- Tate Savory Inc. & Vannoy Construction Co.—Certificate of Merit for Excellence in Project Implementation

- Balfour Beatty/ D.H. Griffin a Joint Venture and Vines Architecture Inc.—Certificate of Merit for Excellence in Project Implementation
- T.A. Loving Co./ Barnhill Contracting Co./ Metcon Inc. a Joint Venture – Certificate of Merit for Excellence in Construction
- Anna Wu, Facilities Services/ Finance and Operations at UNC-Chapel Hill—Frank B. Turner Award

SCO also received special recognition during the award ceremony. UNC-Wilmington honored SCO with an appreciation award for their aid post Hurricane Florence.

The conference concluded with the 19th annual Contractor's Networking Reception and Expo hosted by the HUB Office.



SCO Awarded for Excellence in the Community



Conference General Session



DOA Secretary Sanders Offers Dept. Updates



HUB Director, Hall, Presenting Stats on Historically Underutilized Businesses

Countdown to Census 2020—#MakeNCCount

The NC Complete Count Commission (NC CCC), U.S. Census Bureau and community partners from across the state joined Governor Roy Cooper on April 1, 2019 to kick off the Countdown to Census 2020.

Governor Cooper, along with members of the Commission and Census Bureau, presented before constituents in a national day of action to help raise awareness for North Carolina's participation in the 2020 Census.

By participating, North Carolina communities can increase their chance of obtaining fair representation in Congress, receive

financial resources for health, schools, transportation as well as provide information that leaders need to help plan for the future.

NC Complete Count Commission Chair and Department of Administration Secretary Machel Sanders opened the kick-off event with welcome remarks, followed by the Governor and presenters representing North Carolina businesses, youth, local government and hard-to-reach populations including members of the military and veterans, tribal, and Hispanic/ Latinx communities.

Providing insight on such populations included Larry Hall— Secretary of the

NC Department of Military & Veterans Affairs, Leila Dickerson— U.S. Census Bureau, NC CCC member Juvencio Rocha-Peralta—The Association of Mexicans in North Carolina, Kimberly Hammonds—NC Commission of Indian Affairs, NC CCC member Whitney Tucker—NC Child, NC CCC member Kevin McLaughlin—SAS, NC CCC member James Cofield—Cofield Properties Inc, and NC Census liaison Bob Coats—NC Office of State Budget & Management.

For more information on how you can #MakeNCCount, please visit the state Census website, census.nc.gov.

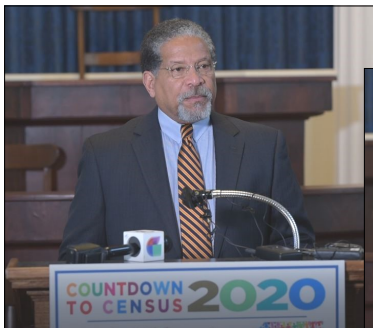
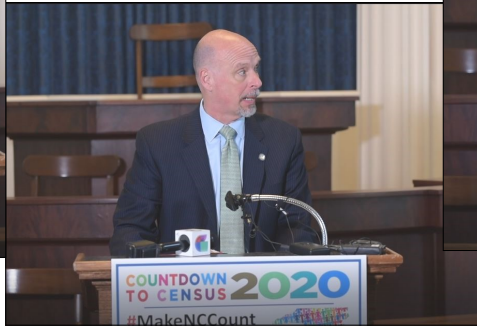
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(From left to right): Governor Roy Cooper, Secretary Machel Sanders (DOA), Secretary Larry Hall (DMVA) and Leila Dickerson (US Census Bureau Rep)



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(Left to right from top to bottom): Kimberly Hammonds (NC Commission of Indian Affairs), Bob Coats (OSBM), Juvencio Rocha-Peralta (The Association of Mexicans in NC), James Cofield (Cofield Properties Inc), Whitney Tucker (NC Child) and Kevin McLaughlin (SAS)

Sexual Assault Awareness Month



Sexual assaults occur more frequently than we think. Sadly, one in five North Carolina women have been sexually assaulted at some point in their lifetime. To help spread awareness on this issue, April is designated as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Governor Roy Cooper issued a [proclamation](#) supporting SAAM, sexual assault survivors, and to continue educating communities on preventative methods. This year, the National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC) incorporated a preventative method into its campaign

message.

The NSVRC, established “I Ask” as the campaign theme to encourage the act of asking for consent as well as listening and accepting answers without pressure or coercion, no matter the scenario. Although created to promote awareness for the month of April, “I Ask” is something that can be practiced each day of the year to create change for the future.

For more information visit councilforwomen.nc.gov and nsvrc.org.

From Transactional to Strategic: NC Division of Purchase & Contract's Statewide Procurement Conference

Were you among the more than 200 procurement professionals to attended the Statewide Procurement Conference this year?

If not, you missed a treat! On April 23 – 24, the NC Department of Administration's (DOA) Division of Purchase & Contract (P&C) hosted the 2019 Statewide Procurement Conference at the Raleigh Convention Center.

DOA Secretary Machel Sanders was among the list of speakers at this year's event. Other notable presenters included DOA Deputy Secretary Marqueta Welton, best-selling author Kevin Snyder, University of Maine Law School Dean and Professor, Dr. Danielle Conway, among many others.

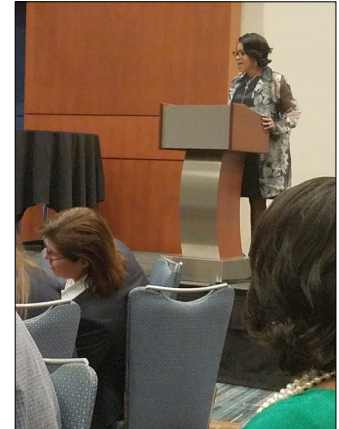
Procurement professionals from across the state participated in

informational and interactive break-out sessions and enjoyed a vendor fair Tuesday and Wednesday.

The Procurement Conference is held once every two years to bring purchasing agents and officers as well as contract administrators and managers from North Carolina's state agencies, community colleges, and universities together to network and learn strategies and best practices for leveraging their department's goals.

This year's theme was, "From Transactional to Strategic: Further Along the Journey." Break-out sessions included topics ranging from bid protests to contract management.

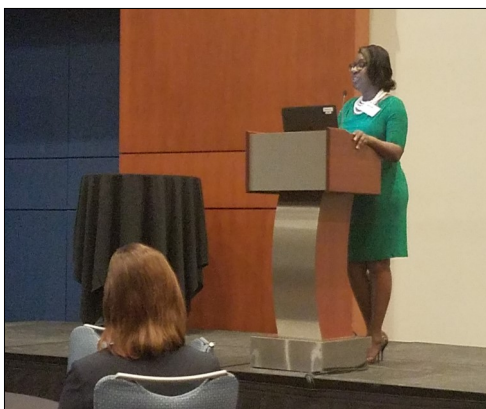
The conference concluded with a summary encouraging attendees to develop a plan of action to meet



Sec. Sanders providing welcome remarks

their agency's purchasing and contract goals.

For more information on P&C and upcoming events, please visit their [website](#) for details.



P&C's SPO McGlown presenting at the general session



Conference attendees at general session

Division Spotlight State Surplus Property

1. Mission and vision

To provide a disposition audit trail for state owned personnel property through trade-in's, transfers, recycling, sales and disposals on a cost reimbursement basis (receipt supported).

2. Programs and services

State Surplus has three main business units which handle property (vehicles, recycling, and general property, etc.). Our administrative services business unit handles customer service, our website, training and invoicing. The Admin team is the glue which holds the division together.

3. Significance

The significance of this Division is to sale personal property assets no longer used by the State. Surplus is one of the unseen government internal business systems that is not appreciated until it stops working properly!

4. Common misconceptions

We are known mostly for the sales of the state's used property. People don't really hear about the audit trail we produce for recycling, transfers, and trade-in's. The Surplus staff does a great job (and spends tons of hours) helping agencies through all methods of disposition including recycling, transfers and trade-ins.

State Surplus is one of the largest recyclers in the south east. Last year,

we recycled approximately 20 million pounds of batteries, scrap metal, tires, electronic waste, used motor oil, and pallets.

5. Interesting fact

Through the online auction site, State Surplus property is sold in all 50 U.S. States and over 17 countries world-wide.

To learn more, please visit the State Surplus Property Division [website](#) for information.

Celebrating Earth Day

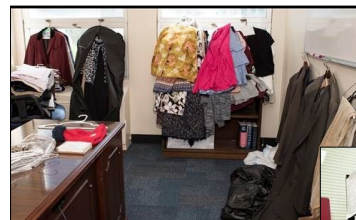
April 22 marked the annual celebration of Earth Day, a day that recognizes and promotes the importance of improving the environment. On October 29, 2018, Governor Roy Cooper signed Executive Order No. 80 to address climate change in North Carolina and to transition our state to a clean energy economy.

To learn more about this executive order, please [click here](#).



Honoring National Volunteer Week

Thank you for participating in National Volunteer Week April 7—13, 2019. DOA and the Office of State Human Resources, collected multiple items of clothing for Dress for Success! We could not have done it without you! Thank you for your contributions!



Upcoming Department Events

MAY 2019

- State Internship Program Begins
- William Peace University Commencement Address by Secretary Sanders (May 4)
- Status of Women in NC Report on Health and Wellness Event (May 1)
- HUB Vendor Orientation Training (May 15)
- Governor's Advisory Council on Hispanic/ Latino Affairs (May 16)
- Council for Women Advisory Board Meeting (May 16)
- Domestic Violence Commission (May 17)
- HUB Strategic Purchasing Team Meeting (May 21)
- Monthly Capital Project Coordinators Meeting (May 23)
- Youth Advisory Council Meeting (May 23)

JUNE 2019

- NC Complete Count Commission Meeting (June 6)
- Commission of Indian Affairs Quarterly Meeting (June 7)
- HUB Strategic Purchasing Team Meeting (June 18)
- Monthly Capital Project Coordinators Meeting (June 27)

For additional upcoming events, please visit the [DOA SharePoint site](#) for details.

Questions, Comments or Suggestions?

We welcome your feedback and suggestions for newsletter content! If you have a comment, story idea, event, employee or division profile you would like to see featured, please send an email to communications@doa.nc.gov.
